

R6 OFFERS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEXAS UIC REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INDUCED SEISMICITY: In response to a commitment made at an August 18th meeting between Bill Honker and Milton Rister, Executive Director of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), the Ground Water/UIC Section drafted a letter to the RRC for Bill Honker's signature with comments on the RRC's proposed changes to their UIC rules. The changes are designed to allow the Commission to respond to known or suspected induced seismicity events related to Class II disposal activities. While a major step forward for the RRC, the current language is subject to several challenges. The letter proposes several alternatives to deal with these issues. **Michael Overbay, 665-6482; Ken Johnson, 665-8473; Nancy Dorsey 665-2294**

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION BRANCH PROVIDES INPUT FOR PERGAN ENFORCEMENT LETTER: 6WQ-S provided comments and edits on a letter that R6 Enforcement and Regional Counsel is preparing for John Blevins' signature. This letter will be sent to Pergan Marshall, LLC and is related to their Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) violations. The SDWA violations are related to the TCEQ delegated Underground Injection Control Program and the RCRA violations are related to the R6 injection well no migration petition. This letter will also include RCRA and SDWA information requests and 6WQ-S has also provided input on these requests. **Brian Graves, 665-7193**

R6 PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO R3 FOR SEISMICITY CONCERNS WITH A CLASS II UIC PERMIT: Region 3 UIC staff requested assistance in interpreting a seismic section connected with a directly implemented disposal permit application. Ground Water/UIC Section staff reviewed available information, offered an interpretation of the seismic section and recommended permit contingency plans in the (unlikely) event of seismicity occurring after disposal operations startup. **Nancy Dorsey, 665-2294**

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF RURAL AND SMALL SYSTEMS WORKSHOP: Two members of the Water Quality Protection Division will travel September 11th to Terrell, Texas, to attend a one-day Sustainable Management of Rural and Small Systems Workshop. This workshop is sponsored by Texas Rural Water Association and is one of many different workshops that will be offered within Region 6. This interactive workshop will help rural and small systems address a full range of challenges and improve the management of their operations and infrastructure using tools developed by EPA, USDA and small system managers. **Omar T. Martinez, 665-8485; David Reazin, 665-7501**